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Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF EAST LOS ANGELES,
FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WALNUT PARK, AND IN AREAS ADJACENT TO THE
CITIES OF HAWTHORNE, LAKEWOOD, MALIBU, PALMDALE, AND
ROLLING HILLS, AND IN THE CHATSWORTH AREA
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance service contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. RMD3346006 - Roadside Tree Trimming, Road Divisions 232, 233, 339, 432, and 539, Cycles A, F, and H, to trim and remove roadside trees in the unincorporated communities adjacent to the Cities of Hawthorne, Malibu, and Rolling Hills, and the Chatsworth area of the City of Los Angeles (2, 3, 4, and 5), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in the amount of \$110,930.00.

- Project ID No. RMD4146016 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Maintenance District 4, Cycle H, trimming and removal of parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone, and an area south of the City of Lakewood (1, 2, and 4), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in amount of \$134,480.00.
- Project ID No. RMD4246008 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Road Divisions 141 and 241, Cycles A and F, for the trimming and removal of parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of Walnut Park and Florence-Firestone (1 and 2), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in amount of \$170,570.00.
- Project ID No. RMD5546932 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Road Divisions 555 and 558, Cycle A for the trimming and removal of parkway trees in the unincorporated communities adjacent to the City of Palmdale (5), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in the amount in the amount of \$240,670.00.
- Project ID No. SMDACO0107 - Michigan Avenue et al., Sanitary Sewers, to clean and line sanitary sewers in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (1), to RePipe-California, Inc., in amount of \$477,559.75.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval to award these construction and maintenance service contracts, and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

See attachments as follows for each project. The attachment for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also attached.

- Project ID No. RMD3346006 - sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. RMD4146016 - sheets 2A and 2B
- Project ID No. RMD4246008 - sheets 3A and 3B
- Project ID No. RMD5546932 - sheets 4A and 4B
- Project ID No. SMDACO0107 - sheets 5A and 5B

The recommended construction and maintenance service contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The attachment for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

Sufficient funds for Project ID Nos. RMD3346006, RMD4146016, RMD4246008, and RMD5546932 are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. SMDACO0107 are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including, but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN/GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely

Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation, including, but not limited to licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the attachment for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive bid basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

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The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with the Department of Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The Department of Public Works will review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance service contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (5)

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
January 15, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RMD3346006 - ROADSIDE TREE TRIMMING - ROAD DIVISIONS 232,233,339,432, AND 539, CYCLES A, F, AND H (in the unincorporated communities adjacent to the Cities of Hawthorne, Malibu, Rolling Hills, and the Chatsworth area of the City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of roadside trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 16, 2007 (Agenda Item 28)

BID OPENING DATE: November 13, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low +*	Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., a corporation 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$110,930.00
2	ArborWorks, Inc.	\$156,420.00
3	*Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$161,039.00
4	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$171,005.00
5	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$175,350.00

+LSBE
*MWBE

Andre Landscape Service, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$145,384.00; however, they did not submit a bid bond. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$141,455.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$110,930.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 30,525.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 22 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On October 16, 2007, Agenda Item 28, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January and be completed in March 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
January 15, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146016, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 4, CYCLE H (in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone, and an area south of the City of Lakewood), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 2, 2007 (Agenda Item 40)

BID OPENING DATE: October 30, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low +	*Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., a corporation 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$134,480.00
2	*Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$192,325.00
3	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$364,900.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$154,280.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$134,480.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 19,800.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 13 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On October 2, 2007, Agenda Item 40, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January and be completed in March 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4246008 - PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISIONS 141 AND 241, CYCLES A AND F (in the unincorporated communities of Walnut Park and Florence-Firestone), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 2

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 9, 2007 (Agenda Item 34)

BID OPENING DATE: November 8, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low +	*Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., a corporation 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$170,570.00
2	*Tree Elements, Inc.	\$184,652.00
3	*Trimming Land Company, Inc.	\$195,684.00
4	West Coast Arborists	\$229,350.00
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	*MWBE	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$170,474.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$170,570.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$96.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 0.1 percent above the estimate, which was based on the bid price history of the various items.

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On October 9, 2007, Agenda Item 34, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 35 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January and be completed in March 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
January 15, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RMD5546932 - PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISIONS 555 AND 558, CYCLE A (in the unincorporated communities adjacent to the City of Palmdale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 16, 2007 (Agenda Item 28)

BID OPENING DATE: November 13, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low +*	Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., a corporation 3580 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$240,670.00
2	ArborWorks, Inc.	\$276,145.00
3	*Trimming Land Company, Inc.	\$291,821.00
4	*Tree Elements, Inc.	\$292,253.00
5	Tip Top Arborists, Inc.	\$339,152.00
6	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$394,445.00

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*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$279,735.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$240,670.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 39,065.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 14 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

On October 16, 2007, Agenda Item 28, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January and be completed in March 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
January 15, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0107, MICHIGAN AVENUE, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS
(in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of approximately 15,000 linear feet of existing 8-inch sanitary sewers, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 30, 2007 (Agenda Item 28)

BID OPENING DATE: November 27, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	RePipe-California, Inc., a Corporation 5525 East Gibraltar Street Ontario, California 91764 (909) 291-4050	\$477,559.75
2	Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corporation	\$512,030.25
3	Sancon Technologies, Inc.	\$699,383.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$512,846.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$477,559.75
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 35,286.25

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.9 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

RePipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On October 30, 2007, Agenda Item 28, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated the work will start in March and be completed in May 2008.

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